1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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LETTER DATED 18 APRIL 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BULGARIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE 1995 REVIEW AND EXTENSION CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria in connection with the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, dated 14 April 1995.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

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Annex

STATEMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA ON THE OCCASION OF THE REVIEW AND EXTENSION CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

In connection with the opening of the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria declares that Bulgaria views the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons as a cornerstone of the global regime of non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and is committed to its indefinite and unconditional extension.

The Republic of Bulgaria considers the international treaties in the field of nuclear disarmament and the prevention of the proliferation of nuclear weapons to be achievements of historical significance and supports all efforts of the international community aimed at their strict implementation.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria would like to express Bulgaria's firm belief that confidence in the international system of nuclear non-proliferation is not possible without complete transparency of the nuclear programmes of all States. Therefore, cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which exercises control over the peaceful uses of atomic energy, is gaining increasing importance.

The observance of the safeguards agreements concluded with IAEA provides for international control over the fulfilment on the part of the States of their obligations under the Treaty. The Republic of Bulgaria views the IAEA safeguards system as a key element of the international system of nuclear non-proliferation and supports all constructive ideas regarding its strengthening.